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To Mr. T. E. ...
AMERICAN CONSULATE,

Tripoli-in-Barbary, N. Africa, March 4, 1913.

SUBJECT: Transmitting Report on the Discontinu-
ance of the French Post Office at
Tripoli-in-Barbary.

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THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

WASHINGTON.

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in trip-
licate notice of the closing of the French Post Office
at this post, thus removing one of the causes of fre-
quent friction which has been noted here between Ital-
ian and French authorities since the Occupation by the
Italian Government.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

John V. Wood

American Consul.

Enclosure:-

Discontinuance of French Post Office (in triplicate)

DISCONTINUANCE OF THE FRENCH POST-OFFICE.

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During the year 1912, 62 French steamers, with a total net tonnage of 49,496, brought 9,866 tons of merchandise to this port and 668 passengers; practically all of the freight consisted of French goods or the products of Tunis, which is under a French Protectorate.

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American Consulate,
Tripoli-in-Barbary,
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John L. Hunt
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